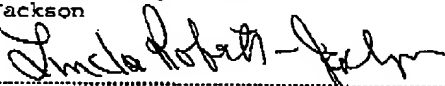


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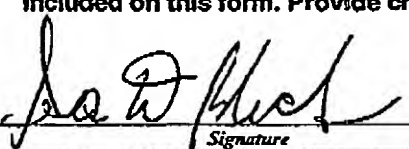
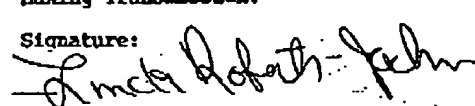
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 23, 2006, in which prosecution of this previously-appealed application was reopened, Applicants offer the following remarks. As no claims are amended by this response, a complete listing of the claims is not required (MPEP §714).